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Cabinet Discusses Hague, Nazareth

IT is easy, negative, unprofitable and foolish automatically to argue that the Russians are liars and deceivers ever. Now, and then there may be some sense in what they say; at the very least some sense in some part of what they say; by hazard, some precarious good intention as well. There is no knowing, of course; all the more reason for taking trouble to find out.

NO think "The Times," the "Manchester Guardian," and most Paris newspapers, with the usual cautionary qualifications, in relation to the most recent Soviet note on Germany, which Mr. Acheson had in mind when he said, on Saturday, that the object of Russia's peace offensive was to "create discord among free nations," and "perpetuate chaos." Mr. Acheson, however, addressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors, may feel more inhibited just now than the Secretary of State consulting with the British and the French Foreign Ministers.

THE Western reply to the Soviet note is now being made ready. Mr. Eden talked the matter over with the American and French Ambassadors last Thursday. The day before that, it was announced in Bonn that the Western Governments had decided to speed the work on a West-German treaty to replace the occupation statutes and give practical sovereignty to the Federal State. It may be a good idea to have the treaty ready before going into discussions with Russia on the unification of the two Germanies.

THERE is nothing to be said for an ambiguous or evasive Western reply to the Soviet note. The key to the problem of the unification of Germany is, of course, the proposals for free elections. As the Soviet note asks for "free elections" without delay, and adds that the recognition of this need by all four Powers "creates the full possibility for holding such elections in the immediate future," it is not sufficient to reply that a U.N. Commission exists to go into the question of free elections. In any case, the Commission is competent only to report on the conditions for holding free elections; and it is the province of the Four Powers to discuss the highly delicate question of raising the present political and electoral restrictions in the Russian Zone. The only way to find out what the Russians regard the second note as a considerable advance on the first. They argue that the proposed negotiations should not be ruled out because the West is bent on developing a "formalized frame of mind." The Christian-Democratic "Rheinische Post" is sharp in its comment: "The Soviets are busily engaged offering us a chance of reunification while the Western Powers, in spite of all their ceremonial declarations, stand indifferently by."

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IF the Russian proposals are made with the object of "creating discord" and "perpetuating chaos," the only way to prove this is through a Four Power conference.

German reparations negotiations occupied the Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday, but a final decision on the matter was referred to another meeting—either the next regular sitting or a special session. The Cabinet also heard the Police Minister's report on the recent incidents in Nazareth, discussed regulation of salaries of Municipal employees, ratified Israel's identification with international narcotics control conventions and adopted three important amendments to existing traffic regulations which it will shortly present to the Knesset.

The Cabinet's discussions centered about a report on the Hague talks by Mr. Gershon Avner, a member of the Israel delegation. At the Cabinet's disposal, the spokesman said, was also information from other sources. Proponent of a final decision, it is understood, was motivated by the desire for further information from these sources. The spokesman would not elaborate further, but disclosed that Israel's activities on the reparations matter were not limited to the recessed talks at the Hague.

Remaining in London In reply to a question, the spokesman stated that the recall of the Israel delegation had not been discussed and that the delegation would remain in London pending a Cabinet decision on the future of the talks. The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, he said, would discuss the negotiations again after the next Cabinet meeting on the subject.

Briefing the press on the Police Minister's report on Nazareth, the spokesman indicated that a "truce" calling for peace between the city's Moslems and Greek Catholics had been signed by the local heads of the two religious communities. Hopes were held out for lifting the night curfew (the daylight curfew has already been lifted) as the situation calms down.

Seven members of the Shafar Amr Boy Scout group who were engaged in the brawl last Monday were taken into custody on charges of murder and assault-and-battery, the spokesman reported.

Municipal Salaries The Cabinet's discussion on the control of Municipal salaries was based on the Interior Minister's report that some Municipalities intended raising the basic pay of their officials. The Cabinet reaffirmed its earlier decision—announced in the Government's VEP statement—that Municipal salaries should not be permitted to exceed State salaries. The Minister of the Interior was accordingly instructed to take steps in accordance with this decision.

Explaining the Government's attitude, the spokesman indicated that a considerable portion of the funds out of which Municipal salaries are paid comes direct from the State Treasury in the form of grants-in-aid to Municipal budgets. The Government could, thus, not accept the principle of the same source paying different salaries to employees doing the same work.

Narcotics Control The Mandatory Government had been a party to the various international narcotics control agreements, identification with which the Cabinet yesterday approved. The provisions of these agreements, moreover, were in force in Mandatory times and are still in force. The Cabinet also ratified Israel's participation in the protocol of the International Telecommunications Union in Geneva.

Hoofien To US For Food Loan

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.—The probability of a new U.S. loan for food purchases, sent Mr. S. Hoofien, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank Leumi, to the U.S. Mr. Hoofien left by Philadelphia Airlines this afternoon. He told an ITIM correspondent that he expected to be back in 10 days after signing the agreement.

Mr. Hoofien's mission is understood to be connected with that of Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Commerce, who left for the U.S. yesterday. Negotiations for the loan, to be granted by private banking interests, were started by Ambassador Abba Eban.

It was felt in Government circles that the presence in Washington of a man with the expert knowledge of the country's supply needs would be most desirable when a new grant-in-aid from the U.S. was discussed.

Dr. Joseph will also attend to United Jewish Appeal and Bond Drive problems, but the presence of Mr. M. Palgi, head of the Food Import Division of the Ministry, seems to indicate that food supply questions will be foremost in Dr. Joseph's mission.

7,000 J'lem Pupils Go Without Lunch

About 7,000 Jerusalem school children went without their regular noon-day meal yesterday when the school kitchens failed to open, it was reported at the Municipal Council meeting last night.

It was learned that the closure was caused by the refusal of the various food suppliers and transport workers connected with the lunch scheme to continue to work until back payments were made by the city. Some food suppliers have not been paid since last October.

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Omaha Safe From Missouri's Waters

OMAHA, Sunday (APF).—Engineers announced that Omaha, threatened by the Missouri's surging waters for the past seven days, is now completely out of danger. Anxiety continues to prevail, however, regarding localities situated along the Missouri south of the city.

Secrecy Shrouds Korea Truce Talks

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter).—Staff officers meeting at Panmunjom on prisoner exchange adjourned after 45 minutes today, saying they would meet again tomorrow. They issued no report on the secret discussions reported to be seeking a compromise on the U.N. demand that Communist prisoners should not be involuntarily repatriated.

In a nearby tent, other Staff officers conferred for more than an hour on the means of enforcing an armistice. The problem went back to the colonial level today after sub-delegates had failed to make progress.

Meanwhile, the Communist Radio in Pyongyang today gave figures apparently showing the extent of the recent epidemics. These epidemics, the U.N. Command has alleged, were the real reason for the germ warfare allegations.

The Radio said that anti-epidemic measures completed by April 12 had involved action in more than 40,000 cases, and that medical teams were continuing their work. It did not repeat earlier charges that the U.N. Command was engaged in germ warfare.

Arab Peoples Desire Peace—McKeldin

HAIFA, Sunday.—"The U.S. and Britain ought to pursue a more vigorous and persistent policy for the restoration of peace between Israel and the Arab states," Mr. T. R. McKeldin, Governor of Maryland, told newsmen here this evening. A desire for peace was felt by the Arabs, but their leaders were concerned with saving face, he said.

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Warsaw Ghetto Revolt Recalled

WARSAW, Sunday.—Elaborate arrangements have been made for the observation of the Warsaw Ghetto anniversary throughout Poland today.

Teachers have been instructed to lecture children on the subject of the Ghetto revolt and meetings are being held in many towns to pay tribute to the Jews who died resisting the Nazi attempt to crush them out of existence.

A Sunday memorial meeting was held at the site of the Warsaw Ghetto monument in the former Jewish quarter. At a commemorative ceremony organized by the Jewish community of West Berlin, Mr. Heinz Galle, president of the community, appealed for vigilance and denounced the current tendency to forget past events.

In London, the "Sunday Times" carried a dispatch from its Berlin correspondent that Nazis throughout Germany are celebrating today the 63rd birthday anniversary of Hitler with secret services.

To reduce the risk of defection, the report said, Nazi leaders have ordered "small meetings of not more than 20 persons in thousands of towns and villages." (INA, APF)

Two Jerusalem Boys Return from Jordan "Even as prisoners of the Arab Legion we refused to eat non-kosher meat," two teen aged boys said yesterday after they were returned to Israel at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

Menachem Lustigman, 13, and Uri Silber, 12, of Jerusalem and members of the Ezra movement, affiliated to Poale Agudat Israel, were captured on Saturday afternoon after they became separated from their companions on a hike near Latrun.

On Saturday evening and on Sunday morning they were offered — and slowly refused — meat, convincing themselves with eggs and fruit.

Eden Opens Talks To Find Egypt Solution

Iraqi Premier Off To London, Madrid

BAGHDAD, Sunday (APF).—Premier Nuri Said Pasha left today aboard a specially chartered British plane for London. After a stay in the British capital he will fly to Zurich, and from there will motor to Schruns, in the Vorarlberg, where young King Faisal and Regent Abdullah are now vacationing.

From Austria the King, the Regent and the Prime Minister will return to Britain and will subsequently proceed on an official visit to Spain in the first days of May at the invitation of General Franco.

The President of the Senate, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, and Fadil Jamali, chief Iraqi U.N. delegate, will join the Regent and Premier for their visit to Spain.

Dr. Martin Arista, Spanish Foreign Minister, met Nuri before he left for London. He also met acting Foreign Minister Shakir al Wadi.

Mr. Arista visited the Iraqi Staff College where he was honored at a luncheon today.

The Spanish mission will leave for Cairo tomorrow.

Communists Accuse Greece and Yugoslavia

VIENNA, Sunday (AP).—Hungary has protested to Yugoslavia over "repeated violation of Hungarian territory by Yugoslav planes." Radio Budapest said today.

The protest claimed that difficulties in Hungarian-Yugoslav relations have been "intensified" since Hungarian territory was violated eighteen times by Yugoslav planes between March 4 and April 4.

It is reported from London that the Bulgarian Foreign Minister has protested to the United Nations about alleged Greek provocations and frontier violations.

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Confers with Stevenson, Howe

LONDON, Sunday (AP).—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden tonight began a fresh effort to break the Anglo-Egyptian deadlock when he conferred with Sir Ralph Stevenson, Ambassador to Cairo, and the Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir Robert Howe.

Summoned by Mr. Eden for a review of the long dispute, the two statesmen flew to London tonight. They conferred on last-minute conferences with Egyptian and Sudanese leaders.

Within two hours after arrival, the three British officials opened their talks over dinner at Mr. Eden's home, on the Egyptian demands for British evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone and sovereignty over the Sudan. The talks will continue tomorrow in the Foreign Office.

Later in the week Abdul Fattah Amr Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador to London, is expected to join the conference. He flew to London on Wednesday with a personal message to Mr. Eden from Premier Hili. It is believed that he had requested Mr. Eden that the process of putting the Sudanese draft constitution into operation should be halted. It is not believed that Mr. Eden agreed to this.

Sir Ralph Stevenson made an urgent dash from Cairo to London after his BOAC airliner was diverted by bad weather and grounded at Marseilles. He motored 120 miles to Nice where he caught an unscheduled Air France flight to London.

Before leaving Cairo, Sir Ralph conferred with Hili. Foreign Minister Khalek Hassan, other top Egyptian leaders and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery.

In the capital of the Sudan, Khartoum, Sir Robert Howe conferred yesterday with Abdullah Bey Khalil, leader of the Sudanese Legislature.

The conflict over the Sudan is considered here the remaining major obstacle to an agreement. Egypt and Britain reportedly already have reached a basis of negotiation on British evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone, which would entail Egypt's entrance into a Middle East defense arrangement.

Roma has promised the Sudanese they would be allowed to determine their own future. Egypt, however, demands for joint Anglo-Egyptian rule over the Sudan. Egypt no longer recognizes the Condominium. Tushnet, although they are willing to accept sovereignty over the Sudan, are not yet ready to accept a British-backed constitution providing for self-determination in the Sudanese Legislature.

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300 PROTEST PETAH TIKVA RATE RISE

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday.—Echoes of last week's stormy session of the Petah Tikva Municipal Council were heard at tonight's meeting when a delegation of some 300 merchants, farmers and property owners interrupted the sitting to protest the Council's decision to increase property and business rates. The group was received by the Mayor, Mr. P. Rashish.

Spokesmen said that the decision to raise the business tax ceiling from IL.250 to IL.1,000 and property taxes from 18 to 22 per cent was illegal and pointed out that in Tel Aviv the business tax maximum was IL.500. One farmer claimed that taxes on an area of orange groves had been increased from IL.250 to IL.1,000 while taxes on vegetable areas had risen 3,000 per cent.

When the Council meeting opened, the Mayor presented the minutes of last week's session for ratification. Opposing speakers immediately declared the minutes to be illegal, claiming that the Mayor's statement had not been issued in public, owing to the uproar, but had been shouted into the ear of the Town Clerk. The minutes were finally passed by nine votes to eight.

13 DEAD IN GERMAN MINE EXPLOSION

BERLIN, Sunday (AP).—At least 13 were killed and 37 injured in a mine explosion at Zevelau, the Soviet Zone, announced today.

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Dutch Pastors Come Out Against Malan

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CAPE TOWN.

YET another anti-Malan group has come into the open in Cape Town, this time springing from the very heart of the Dutch Reformed Church, which is to the Nationalist Government what the Roman Catholic Church is to the Government of Spain.

Nineteen black-garbed preachers (pastors) sat on the platform of Cape Town's City Hall recently to support an acrid denunciation of Dr. Malan's Government, and of the growing political power of the Dutch Reformed Church, launched by Dr. D. J. de Vos of Bloemfontein, leader of a Church splinter group called the Reformed Dutch Reformed Church.

More than 2500 people — all Whites — about 75 per cent of whom were Afrikaans, were packed into the hall. Great secrecy had attended this meeting. Until the day of the meeting few people knew who the chief spokesman was to be. Tens of thousands of leaflets were distributed among crowds at the Van Riebeeck Festival celebrating three hundred years of white settlement in South Africa.

Dr. de Vos alleged that 1000 political preachers ruled South Africa from behind the scenes. He said